

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

LEO J. FRIEDMAN AND LEO E. MINDEL,  
EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF  
SYLVIA R. SEIDEN, DECEASED

Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU -5090

Decision No. CU 3684

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimants, LEO J. FRIEDMAN AND LEO E. MINDEL, EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA R. SEIDEN, DECEASED, assert a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba, based on 3% Cumulative Income Debentures issued by the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Railroad.

In our decision entitled the Claim of Edward R. Smith (Claim No. CU-5001 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties of the Railroad were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on October 13, 1960, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per \$1,000.00 bond of \$1,189.08 including interest to October 13, 1960.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that Sylvia R. Seiden, Deceased, and Linda Mindel, Stanley Mindel and Fay Shankman, successors under her will, come within the terms of the Smith decision; that they were American nationals at the requisite times; that they owned and succeeded to, respectively, twenty 3% Income Debentures in the total face amount of \$20,000.00 since prior to October 13, 1960; and that they suffered and succeeded to a loss in the amount of \$23,781.60 within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest

thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from October 13, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Smith, supra.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that LEO J. FRIEDMAN AND LEO E. MINDEL, EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA R. SEIDEN, DECEASED, suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Twenty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-one Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$23,781.60) with interest at 6% per annum from October 13, 1960 to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D. C.,  
and entered as the Proposed  
Decision of the Commission

JUN 4 1969

*Leonard v. B. Sutton*  
Leonard v. B. Sutton, Chairman

*Theodore Jaffe*  
Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

*Sidney Freidberg*  
Sidney Freidberg, Commissioner

NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimants establish retention of the securities for the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)